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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Fernandez, et al.

Assignee: Individually Held

Title: "Integrated Network for Monitoring Remote Objects"

Serial No.: 09/823,509 ✓

Filed: 03/29/2001

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICATION RELATING TO  
BIOTECHNOLOGY FILED BY APPLICANTS WHO ARE SMALL ENTITY  
(37 CFR 1.102 and MPEP § 708.02)**

Applicants hereby petition to make this application special because of special status for  
applications relating to biotechnology filed by Applicant who is a Small Entity.

1. Accompanying Material:

Accompanying this petition is:

(1) A Declaration of Facts in Support of Petition to Make Special because of Application

relating to biotechnology filed by applicants who are a small entity.

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(2) Fee (37 CFR 1.17 [i] [2])

The fee required is to be paid for the petition is enclosed in the sum of \$130.00

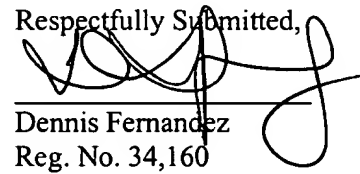
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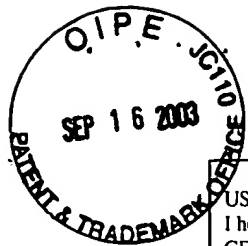
(2) A return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the receipt date of the above documents and returned to the addressee as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this petition is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Dennis Fernandez  
Reg. No. 34,160



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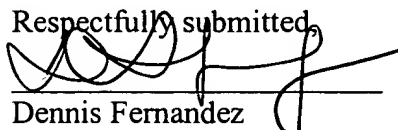
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I, Dennis Fernandez, declare as follows:

1. I am the managing partner with the firm of Fernandez & Associates LLP, 1047 El Camino Real, Suite 201, Menlo Park, CA 94025.
2. I am registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and my registration number is 34,160.
3. I am a listed patent attorney for the above-cited Patent Application that was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

4. I am also the lead inventor of the above-cited Patent Application.
5. I have analyzed information in the presently claimed invention filed on March 29, 2001.
6. In my opinion, the present application is entitled to a Special Status because the invention disclosed and claimed in the above Patent Application is related to biotechnology and filed by Applicant who is a small entity.
7. Based on my searches and analysis, I determine that:
  - a) the inventor has a Small Entity status;
  - b) the subject matter of the patent application is a major asset of the small entity; and
  - c) the development of the technology will be significantly impaired if examination of the patent application is delayed because the invention relates to a communications method between care-givers and patients and a tele-medicine system that enables remote care.
8. To the best of my knowledge, all claims now pending in the above-cited Patent Application are allowable over prior art of which I am aware of.
9. I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 to Title 18 of the United States Codes, and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dennis Fernandez  
Reg. No. 34,160